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Mr. Bill O'Brien
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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Congratulations on the City of Fresno's recognition by the California Integrated Waste Management Board for achieving the highest solid waste diversion rate among large California cities. This is a well-earned acknowledgment for the City of Fresno's determined and successful efforts to increase public participation in its recycling program.

The City of Fresno's status as a statewide leader in recycling is a testament to its commitment to be a good steward of the environment and a prime example of an effective municipal recycling program. With examples such as yours, I hope other communities in California will follow your leadership and help promote participation in recycling so that more people can reap the many benefits of this simple and highly rewarding daily task.

You have my thanks for your contributions to your community and the environment, and my best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator

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